

<u>ÉCLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY</u>

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: SOLID STATE MEMBRANE CHANNEL DEVICE FOR THE MEASUREMENT AND CHARACTERIZATION OF ATOMIC AND MOLECULAR SIZED SAMPLES, the specification of which is identified in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as Serial No. 09/815,461, filed March 23, 2001.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56(a).

POWER OF ATTORNEY: We hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States applications(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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We declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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